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Positive attitude key to successful UCI

By Col. Thomas Walker

821st Air Base Group commander

Greetings Team Thule! Our Unit Compliance Inspection is in full swing. All of you have worked very hard preparing for this inspection and I know you are shining—let's continue to show the IG team what Team Thule is all about.

Each day, all members of Team Thule are ensuring we provide combat capabilities through missile warning, space surveillance, and satellite command and control. This compliance inspection is our opportunity to show just how good we do that job. Don't look at it as an evaluation, but rather, as a demonstration of our capabilities.

Here are a couple of things to keep in mind throughout the inspection:

1—Brag our good things and show our good face to the inspectors. Be upbeat. Be positive. Don't be hesitant to show that you know what you are doing.

2—The best way to demonstrate that you know what you're doing is to do so with energy. If the situation calls for it, convey that energy to the inspector—it's a direct reflection on how seriously you take your job.

3—Be respectful to the inspectors. They are normal human beings doing a job and they appreciate being treated as such. Be cordial. Don't argue.

Finally, continue to incorporate our guiding principles—what I've referred to as our "ABCs"—into everything we do. **Anticipate, Be prepared, and Communicate.** We must anticipate the future and try not to miss the boat. We



Photo by 1st Lt. Jeremy Eggers

Master Sgt. Garry Berry, 821st Support Squadron, has his file plan inspected by Master Sgt. Donita Curtis, Air Force Space Command Inspector General team.

must be prepared for future opportunities and for any emergencies that may arise. And, we have to communicate—up, down, and sideways. In my experience, most any problem could have been avoided with

better communication.

There should be no surprises throughout this inspection. We've known what to expect—do your part and in the final report we'll all look as good as we know we are!

Saturday Weather

Partly to mostly cloudy, winds variable at 5-10 knots
High: 38°F (3°C)
Low: 28°F (-2°C)

Sunday Weather

Partly to mostly cloudy, wind SE to SW at 8-15 knots
High: 36°F (2°C)
Low: 26°F (-3°C)

Forecast by Richard Cox

BOXTOP Olympics

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Saturday at the Fitness Center

Storm Season begins Monday

By Tech. Sgt. Dawn Moninger

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Lollipops—the term of endearment used for the reflectors that are now lining Thule's roads. They can only mean one thing—storm season is upon us!

As the Air Force's northernmost base, the weather at Thule is often extreme creating a myriad of weather-related hazards.

Storm season begins Sept. 15 and continues until May 15. It is with this in

mind that I ask you to adhere to the following safety guidelines.

If you are assigned a vehicle, you must carry your arctic gear in the vehicle. If you are going off base, all passengers in the vehicle must have their arctic gear with them.

Ensure your vehicle has adequate fuel, utilize headlights during low light/visibility conditions and

observe U.S. traffic patterns while driving on Thule. The speed limits are 25 mph on base and 40 mph off base. Adjust your speed accordingly to account for visibility conditions.

Tune into the Thule weather channel and/or listen for the “giant voice” for current information on weather conditions. In the meantime, keep in mind what each storm condition means:

Storm Alert: Be prepared to go to higher storm conditions.

Storm One:

Nonessential personnel are restricted to base; only official travel is permitted off base. You may travel outside, but you must use the buddy system, in groups of two or more. You do not have to wear your arctic gear or carry it with you while you are walking. Always walk facing traffic. Prepare for higher storm conditions.

Storm Two:

All nonessential personnel are to return to quarters and check in with their dorm/facility manager. Stay in quarters. No outdoor movement is allowed without permission from the Storm Operations Center. Prepare for Storm Three.

Storm Three:

Personnel are restricted to the building they are in; no other movement is authorized. The commander will determine when the storm condition can be downgraded. Until then, please wait until official notification before attempting to leave your building. After the lowering of storm conditions it will take approximately two hours to recover the base.

“Safety First” is one of our rules of engagement during our unit compliance inspection, and remember, it's a state of mind. Talk it up every opportunity you get.



Photo by 1st Lt. Jeremy Eggers

“Lollipops,” aka—the reflectors lining Thule's roads, have re-emerged because of storm season, which begins Sept. 15. All at Team Thule are reminded to carry their arctic gear and to notify Hilltop when traveling off-base. Also, know your storm conditions.

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